The total cost of London Agency and the Stores Purchase Committee was Rs. 34,568. Calculated on the total value of stores obtained in India and from abroad, this works out to 1·25 per cent.

Malnad Improvement.

The Malnad Improvement Scheme was extended to the Hunsur and Heggadadevankote Taluks of the Mysore District and the Kuppegadde Hobli (Sorab Taluk) of the Shimoga District. Malnad Improvement District Committees have been reconstituted in the Districts of Shimoga, Kadur, Hassan and Mysore.

During the year, 37 wells and one road undertaken under the scheme were completed at a cost of Rs. 13,229. Quinine was purchased at a cost of Rs. 2,879 and distributed among the people. Dispensaries were sanctioned under the Malnad Improvement Scheme for Hampapur (Heggadadevankote Taluk), Karimuddanahalli (Hunsur Taluk), Malur (Thirthahalli Taluk), and Basavapatna (Chennagiri Taluk).

The Kannada translation of the Address was read by Mr. K. H. Ramayya, Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

By Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Q.—1. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The number of villages irrigated by the Ramasagara Tank and the total extent of wet and garden atchkat the tank is capable of irrigating,

(2) The number of channels drawn from this tank, the total length of each and the total extent of wet and garden lands under each channel,

(3) The channels under which there has been regular yearly crop and those under which there has been no crop at all,

(4) Since how many years are wet crops not grown under channel No. 2,

(5) Whether representations have been received by Government during the last 10 years from the raiyats for the improvement of the original channel that existed before the tank was restored and whether any action has been taken on them and what is the result,

(6) Whether they are prepared to improve the source of supply by restoring the old channel by channel No. 2 either at their own cost or by recovering a moiety thereof from the raiyats?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—1. (1) Seven Government and 4 Jodi villages. Area irrigated is 1,079 acres.

(2) Four channels.

	M.	F.		Atchkat.
No. 1. Channel ..	1	5	..	58 0
„ 2. Channel ..	6	0	..	621 0
„ 3. Channel ..	0	2	..	40 0
„ 4. Channel ..	5	6	..	360 0

(3) There is regular crop every year under each channel except in periods of draught when the tank does not receive supply.

(4) Wet crop is raised every year as under other channels.

(5) Information is not readily available

(6) The matter is under consideration.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

With reference to answer to (4) that wet crop is raised every year as under other channels, will the Government be pleased to verify the statement with reference to the *pahani* accounts ?

First Member of Council.—

Yes. It will be done.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

With reference to answer to (5) that information

is not readily available, may I know when the information is likely to be made available ?

First Member of Council.—

We shall try to furnish the information as early as possible.

Mr. Krishnamurtyachar.—

How long will it take to commence the restoration of the old channel ?

First Member of Council.—

We shall enquire whether it cannot be taken up within the next few months.

Mr. K. Rame Gowda.—

Is it not true that all the water is running to waste because the channel has not been attended to ?

Dewan.—

The matter will be investigated.

At this stage, MR. G. B. RAGHAVENDRACHAR brought to the notice of the Dewan that supplementary questions and answers were not included in the proceedings of the last June session of the Assembly and that it was very important from the point of view of the members that they should be so included.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that the report was curtailed as the books had become very bulky ; and it was considered that a smaller book containing a summary of the proceedings would be more helpful.

THE THIRD MEMBER OF COUNCIL said that the questions and answers could not be taken down *verbatim.*

THE DEWAN said that even if the supplementary questions and answers were not printed with the proceedings, the main points arising out of them would be noted.

MR. RAGHAVENDRACHAR maintained that unless the supplementary questions and answers were printed, the members could not know what points were raised by them and how they were met. He also said that all along these were printed and somehow for the first time, they had been omitted from the proceedings of the last June session. He requested that the previous practice might be restored.